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Examining Group. 1731

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In re application of : Ulrich BEGEMANN et al.

Serial No. : 09/899,163

Group Art Unit: 1731

Filed : July 6, 2001

Examiner: K. M. Hastings

For : CONDITIONING AND/OR CLEANING DEVICE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 A Request for Extension of Time.  
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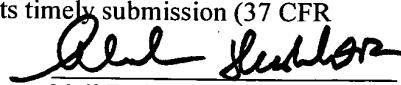
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 27, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires June 27, 2003, this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

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Please enter the following amendment which has been prepared in accordance with the revised format permitted in the "Prototype Announcement" published in the Official Gazette at 1265 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 87 (December 17, 2002) and the announced Waiver of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 of February 3, 2003.